Construction Workers in West Asian Countries

5422. SHRI UTTAM SINGH PAWAR : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have noticed the report of the International Labour Organisation (ILO) about the worsening position of the wages and working conditions of migrant construction workers (including those from India) who are working in Western Asian countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A relative slow-down in construction activity in the Middle East, an increasing supply of labour and often exhorbitant fees charged by Recruiting Agents, have contributed to deterioration in the terms & conditions of work for Asian migrant construction workers. In many labour receiving countries, legislation exist which could offer some protection, however, it is not always enforced through an effective system of labour inspection. International standards and conventions can serve as guidelines as to what could be achieved. When specific cases of ill-treatment come to notice, the Government takes up the matter through bilateral channels.

[Translation]

Welfare of Handicapped

5423. SHRI THAWAR CHAND GEHLOT : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the economic and physical targets fixed during the years 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 for the welfare of handicapped, deaf and dumb persons, State/Union Territory-wise; and

(b) the achievements of these targets till August 15, 1996?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) As the welfare of the handicapped involves continuous efforts and needs long term persistent attention, no specific targets have been fixed for the same.

(b) Statements I and II are enclosed.

STATEMENT–I

ASSISTANCE TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS FOR 1995-96

(Amt. in Rs.)

STATE/UT		Assistance to Vol. Orgn. for the Disabled (General Scheme)			Assistance to Vol. Orgn. for Rehab of Leprosy Cured Persons			Assistance to Vol. Orgn. for Estt. & Dev. of Spl. Schools			Assistance to Vol. Orgn. for persons with Disabilities & Mental Retardation		
		No. of NGOs	No. of Beneficianes	Amount Released	No. of NGOs	No. of Beneficianes	Amount Released	No. of NGOs	No. of Beneficianes	Amount Released	No. of NGOs	No. of Beneficianes	Amount Released
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1.	Andhra Pradesh	44	5016	4,15,42,487	—	—	—	4	147	10,79,862	2	40	6,05,947
2.	Assam	2	127	3,96,972	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3.	Bihar	20	1192	55,47,733	—	—	—	1	30	2,24,460	—	—	—
4.	Goa	2	136	6,45,434	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5.	Gujarat	11	23092	28,48,912	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6.	Haryana	4	1518	10,45,763	—	—	—	2	65	4,49,630	—	—	—
7.	Himachal Pradesh	1	180	15,35,610	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	2	60	3,07,528	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
9.	Karnataka	45	5812	2,07,01,405	1	20	15,000	2	90	9,51,588	—	—	—
10.	Kerala	41	3095	1,43,53,112	—	—	—	3	212	5,56,440	2	60	9,24,247
11.	Madhya Pradesh	3	215	95,934	—	—	—	1	45	90,693	—	—	—

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
12.	Maharashtra	20	10421	68,68,788	1	177	11,91,742	—	—	—	—	—	—
13.	Manipur	2	275	14,53,318	—	—	—	1	60	3,45,060	—	—	—
14.	Meghalaya	3	109	4,24,956	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15.	Mizoram	1	80	3,04,160	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
16.	Orissa	4	521	28,05,703	—	—	—	3	116	—	—	—	—
17.	Punjab	6	967	13,90,517	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
18.	Rajasthan	5	670	35,57,299	—	—	—	2	96	24 76 725	—	—	—
19.	Tripura	1	47	1,78,674	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20.	Uttar Pradesh	38	4764	5,62,03,320	14	1124	75,32,839	1	95	1.81 254	—	—	—
21.	Tamil Nadu	40	4954	85,78,846	—	—	—	5	308	11,25 062	4	15	2,55,361
22.	West Bengal	26	18900	1,69,95,074	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	65	4 61 385
23.	Chandigarh	2	669	2,32,610	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
24.	Delhi	27	9823	1,37,61,292	1	80	2,41,740	1	97	8,00,865	1	25	1,69,920
25	Pondicherry	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Total	349	92642	201775457	17	1401	89,81,321	26	1361	7053944	11	205	2416800

STATEMENT - II

GRANT IN AID SANCTIONED TO IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES UNDER THE SCHEME OF ASSISTANCE TO DISABLED PERSONS FOR PURCHASE/FITTING OF AIDS AND APPLIANCES (ADIP SCHEME) DURING 1993-94, 1994-95 AND 1995-96

(Rs. in lakhs)

S. No.	Name of State/UT	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	8.43	66.91	13.82
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	2.00	—	1.00
3.	Bihar	44.00	19.00	29.45
4.	Gujarat	26.00	56.94	44.85
5.	Haryana	8.00	8.00	10.00
6.	Karnataka	21.00	63.25	—
7.	Kerala	0.37	4.73	3.00
8.	Madhya Pradesh	5.25	19.25	23.63
9.	Maharashtra	29.46	56.60	14.78
10.	Orissa	78.00	50.75	13.38
11	Punjab	0.62	—	41.34
12.	Rajasthan	127.12	222.00	136.00
13.	Tamil Nadu	31.12	93.52	40.40
14.	Uttar Pradesh	451.75	693.67	537.00
15.	West Bengal	47.50	65.97	96.21
16.	Chandigarh	32.85	40.40	—
17.	Goa	0.36	0.70	0.35
18.	Delhi	87 91	55.81	61.72
		1001.74	1517.50	1066.93
No. of beneficiaries		57000	85000	60000
No. of Organisations assisted		65	76	78

[English]

Demand of Sugar

5424. SHRI B.L. SHANKAR : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a possibility of hike in demand of sugar during the festival season;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to tackle the situation and to ensure adequate supply of sugar as per the demand;